

Rotary Boss Greeted Chief Kiwanian



Kiwanian International President S. Trafford Taylor of Winnipeg, right, blushed on arrival in San Francisco for the Kiwanian convention this week when he was greeted with the continental kiss shown above planted on his cheek by Maurice Depeyrie, left, retiring president of Rotary International.

Harry Bell Explains Boys' State Session; Now at Sacramento

Representing "the First 500" American Legion Post No. 524 of Los Angeles, Harry A. Bell, who graduated from Torrance high school last week, is now participating in the 10-day session of the California Boys' State at Sacramento. Young Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carleton B. Bell of 1544 Marcellina, is having his expenses paid by the Los Angeles Legion post.

A postcard to his parents today reported that the Torrance youth has been named chairman of the "Southern California caucus," which includes all representatives from Santa Barbara south. He was elected chairman of the "Whig" party, composed of 235 boys, and in the election of state officers was chosen Controller.

Before he left for the state capital, the young man wrote the following explanation of the Boys' State at the request of The Herald:

I have been asked the question: "What is Boys' State?" so many times that I believe, in fairness to those who ask and to the American Legion, that a comprehensive answer to it should be given.

For Enlightened Citizenship

One of the major activities of the National organization of the American Legion is Americanism—and the most potent activity on their Americanism program is Boys' State.

While a student, John Adams wrote: "Get distinct ideas of law, right, wrong, justice. Aim at an exact knowledge of the nature, ends and means of government." Subsequent experience has shown that good government depends upon an enlightened citizenship. That kind of a citizen must have a fundamental understanding of the basic government of his community, state and nation. Therefore the Legion has undertaken to work for a keener interest in, and knowledge of, government among boys of high school junior and senior ages.

In speaking of Boys' State the National Chairman of the Legion's Americanism Commission says: "It is designed to awaken in the leaders among the youth of our nation a desire to study the practical operation of our government."

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Steel-Toed Shoe Saves Oilman's Foot In Mishap

If William Scott, 23-year-old oil worker, had been wearing ordinary type workshoes last Saturday afternoon it is quite probable he would have lost his left foot.

But Scott, who lives in Long Beach, was wearing a pair of steel-toed shoes, and when his foot was accidentally caught in the cogs of the rotary wheel on the Charleston oil company's No. 1 well at Pennsylvania and Sepulveda, the safety toe saved his foot.

Altho the flesh was badly cut and mangled, no bones were broken and he is not expected to suffer an impairment of his walking, according to the attending physician—Scott was rushed to Torrance Memorial hospital in Stone and Myers' ambulance.

The steel plate in his shoe slowed down the machinery and enabled him to jerk loose before Scott's shoes were amputated. Steel-toed shoes are standard equipment for many industrial workers and they have prevented numerous foot injuries since they have been introduced.

Nine Candidates in 17th District Congress Race

Nine candidates, five of them Democrats, are in the race for the office of representative in Congress from the 17th district to succeed the late Charles J. Colden, according to the official list of nominations on file today in the office of W. M. Kerr, county registrar of voters.

Mrs. Clara N. Colden, San Pedro, widow of the late Congressman, is one of the candidates seeking the Democratic nomination. The others are: James J. Boyle, Los Angeles; Dr. Charles W. McQuarrie, Gardena; Lee E. Geyer, Gardena; and Clifton A. Hix, San Pedro attorney.

Two candidates, one of them Hix, are seeking the Republican nomination. The other is H. Lee Monroe of Lomita.

Lomitan Assured Place

Townsendites have a candidate in Fred C. Wagner, Los Angeles, who resides in the northern end of the district. Progressives have a candidate in Robert O. Bates, Los Angeles, who does not reside in the district.

In the 68th assembly district, five candidates, four of them Democrats, are in the field. They are James J. O'Toole, 1225 Madrid avenue, Torrance; John T. Kewels, San Pedro; Fred Heaves, San Pedro, and Arthur E. Genter, also of San Pedro.

The only candidate seeking the Republican nomination is Charles L. Smith, of 2437 Lucille avenue, Lomita. He is assured of a place on the November ballot because he is unopposed in the G. O. P. primary.

Building Total Is \$2,280,637 at Mid-Year

New construction during the first half of 1938 ending today has totaled \$2,280,637, as compared with \$319,920 for the period of 1937 and \$1,066,067 for the whole of the preceding year. This month's building permit total is \$119,415 as against 1937's June of \$16,885.

Nineteen permits were issued for new oil derricks in the South Torrance field this month and 53 new derricks have been constructed in that area since the first of the year. Each of these is valued at \$5,000, including equipment.

This Week's Permits

New building permits issued during the past week totaled \$41,100 and included seven new oil derricks. These are being erected by: Ivar Larson, Long Beach, at 2262 231st; Jones-Long company of Los Angeles, at 2201 235th; Packard Petroleum company, No. 3, Long Beach, at 2438 233rd; Lomita Drilling company, Long Beach, at 2439 233rd; Texas company, Los Angeles (Wilson No. 12), a steel derrick at 2423 230th; Cal Oak Oil company, Los Angeles, 2342 233rd, and the O. M. Oil company, Los Angeles, at 2266 233rd.

The Texas company is also erecting four steel oil tanks of 1,500-barrel capacity at 2441 230th, at a cost of \$2,000, and the C. C. M. O. is repairing a wooden derrick at 2365 Sepulveda for \$1,800.

E. A. Teel, Long Beach, is building a 22 by 30-foot frame house and garage at 24252 Los Codona, Welteria, \$1,600. Imako Aoki is building a 24 by 24 frame house at 3801 Lomita boulevard, \$500, and J. R. Vandegriff is building a 10 by 28-foot garage at 1007 Arlington, for \$200.

Tartar Grad New Rookie 'Cop' on City Police Force

At 11 o'clock tomorrow night a new rookie "cop" will march out of the police station to begin patrol duties. He is Willard R. Barnett, 25-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barnett of 2007 Andree.

Officer Barnett was appointed to the force this week and he was assigned to the night patrol today by Director of Public Safety John H. Stroh. He has lived in Torrance for the past 10 years and graduated from the local high school with the class of 1934.

Until his appointment, Barnett had been employed at the Columbia Steel plant in the foundry chipping and cleaning room. He is single and lives with his parents.

G. P. to Build \$30,000 Office at Local Plant

Detailed drawings for the first unit of an administration group that is to be erected for the General Petroleum Corporation at its huge Torrance plant are being completed this week by a Los Angeles architect, Henry C. Newton.

Estimated cost of the first unit was given as \$30,000. A large office building is planned for the site at a later date, it was stated at the company's offices this week.

The building now planned is to be one story, to house offices and control stations. Construction will be reinforced concrete with concrete roof slab, wood block floors, and an air conditioning system.

Equipment is not figured in the estimated cost of \$30,000. The building will contain about 5,000 square feet of floor space.

SRA ASKS CITY TO SUPPLY WATER FOR 80-ACRE GARDEN

Requesting free water from the city to irrigate an 80-acre community garden project located behind the Columbia Steel plant, Ernest S. Grayson, land and water supervisor for the State Relief Administration, told the city council Tuesday that the SRA plans to put 400 men to work on the acreage by July 15.

The city furnished the water for a similar garden project covering a smaller acreage several years ago and councilmen recalled that they received many complaints then that Torrance men were unable to find work in the garden.

Grayson said the new project would employ Class B men—those incapable of any other kind of work—who are about \$50 a month to establish a monthly payroll totaling \$20,000. He said the men would thus be taken off county relief, that the project had been approved by the SRA and passed on by Federal relief authorities altho no definite allocation of Federal funds has yet been made. This is expected about July 15.

Want Local Men Favored

All surplus crops from the garden would be canned and a deduction from relief checks is to be made in the form of script which will be good for exchange of foodstuffs from the SRA commissary. Similar gardens are being established in Long Beach, 300 acres; South Gate, 20 acres; Santa Monica, 100 acres; and in other cities.

Arrangements were made by the council to go into the matter more thoroughly with Grayson and L. M. Atkinson, the project's supervisor, at a meeting set for next Wednesday morning, July 6, at 11 o'clock.

Councilmen declared they did not question the value of such a project but, inasmuch as the water bill will run around \$100 a month, they wanted to be assured that Torrance men would not find it difficult to obtain the work on the local garden.

Chas. W. Smith in Assembly Race

Adopting the slogan of "A Real Business Man in the Assembly," Charles W. Smith, well-known resident of Lomita for the past 28 years, announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination as Assemblyman for the 68th district. Smith is the only Republican on the August primary ballot and so is assured of meeting the Democratic nominee in the November final.

"I am not looking for support from any particular group or faction in this district but I am desirous of representing the whole area—in a manner it deserves to be represented at Sacramento," he said. "My business experience and years as a taxpayer, together with my service as postmaster and for the (Continued on Page 2-A)

Offices of Police and Fire Chiefs Vacated; Council Puts Stroh Head of Both

Inquest Blames Unknown Driver for Two Deaths

Two cars speeding north on Arlington avenue Monday night about 8:45 o'clock, one in the rear, containing four young men, is about to overtake the other . . . at 231st street an old sedan shoots out of the intersection from the east and, without being touched by either machine, passes between them . . . the 22-year-old driver of the rear car swears his Pontiac sedan sharply to the right to avoid collision . . . his machine skids on the soft shoulder, dives to the pavement again, totters and then rolls over and over and over . . .

The boyish driver dies instantly from a fractured skull. He is Fred V. Rice, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rice of 223 North Irena, Redondo Beach. At 8:30 the following morning Jack Wassley, 19, of 825 West 56th Street, Los Angeles, succumbs from a basal skull fracture in Torrance Memorial hospital.

Unknown Driver at Fault

Two other young men, Nathan Levy, 20, of Los Angeles, and Lounis Nykolym, 22, of the Lomita hotel, survive the accident. They suffer cuts, bruises and from shock but no bones are broken. Nykolym was released from the hospital yesterday morning and Levy is present to testify at the coroner's inquest yesterday afternoon, having been allowed to go home Tuesday.

At the inquest four witnesses are examined by Deputy Coroner Arthur Kane and the jury decides the death of the two young men is "accidental and due to the negligence of the unidentified fast Sunday jurymen are: Wallace Gilbert, Fred Tiffany, Har-

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CALDER AND STEVENSON DEMOTED IN 'SHAKEUP'

Elimination of the offices of fire chief and police chief and combination of the management of these two municipal departments under the one head of Director of Public Safety was authorized yesterday afternoon by the Torrance city council following a joint meeting with the members of the Civil Service board.

PROMOTED



JOHN H. STROH . . . Director in 14 years

During the 14 years, John H. Stroh has been a member of the Torrance police department he has made an enviable record. He came here from Loveland, Colorado, where he had lived most of his boyhood and youth, in 1924 and his first "real" job was running a roller for the street department under Superintendent William Gascoigne.

Today, as Acting Director of Public Safety in charge of the city police and fire departments, Stroh has the confidence of those vital municipal units, the city council and of all residents who have come to appreciate his ability as a police officer and executive.

Stanger Made Him Sergeant

He is president of the Peace Officers' Civil Service Association of California which is holding its first local dinner-meeting in the Civic Auditorium tonight. He is also serving his third term as president of the Torrance Pistol club, is a director of the California Academy of Criminal Science, is a past master of the local A. O. W. Lodge, and past president of the original Men's Bible class of the Central Evangelical church.

Stroh remained with the street department until June, 1924, and then went to work in the Pacific Electric shops here. On Sept. 5, 1924, he was appointed to the police department as a patrolman. Mayor William H. Stanger appointed him sergeant in 1934. Having received a high grade from the Torrance Civil Service commission in a competitive examination for police captain, Stroh was advanced to that rank four years ago.

He is married and has a daughter, Lucille, who graduated from Torrance high school and is now a governess in a San Marino home, and a son, Jay R. Stroh, eight years old, who is in the third grade at the Torrance Elementary school.

Realignment of P.V. Road Held Too Expensive

Realignment of the extension of Hawthorne avenue up into the Palos Verdes Estates is "nearly impossible without unwarranted expense," according to Acting City Engineer Leonard Young. He told the city council Tuesday night that to lower the present steep grade would "throw the road into a gully and this would cost considerable to fill."

The portion of the road that lies in Torrance territory could be re-surfaced for about \$1,000, Young estimated. The council took no action on the re-alignment proposal, which was made two weeks ago by Oscar Willett, of Hollywood Riviera.

STEVENSON SAYS HE IS SATISFIED

"I appreciate the position of the city council in not wanting to add the expense of extra men to the fire department, and I am satisfied with my new position," said former Fire Chief A. D. "Ollie" Stevenson yesterday.

"As chief of the department I was on almost constant duty with little opportunity to enjoy the care-free leisure most people have from their work. Under the revised plan I will have more regular time off duty the same as other members of the department," Stevenson commented with a smile of anticipation.

JULY 4th Community Celebration in City Park

Free Dance to Conclude Coordinators' Torrance Program

Races and special prize events . . . a community picnic . . . ball game and free public dance—that is on the Torrance program for the celebration of the 162nd anniversary next Monday of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Arranged by the Coordinating Council, John E. Miller, president, the holiday events are open to every resident who does not desire to "buck the traffic" in speeding to and from some other point in Southern California over the three-day mid-year vacation.

The athletic portion of the day-long program will be held in the morning, starting about 10 o'clock, at the city park. Suitable prizes will be awarded winners in the various events.